

Lord Baltimore protesting in the name of Cæcilius Baron of Baltimore in a manner and forme as afore the deputyes had done att delaware The Company was sitting then in the New West India House in Amsterdam where the said James Neale did appeare and protest by Notoriall Act of the wrong done to his Lordship by their Ministers of State in America by usurping and unlawfully possessing a Considerable part of his province of Maryland, Especially that part which was called by the Name of Delaware Bay demanding not onely the Restauration of the said Territoryes soe uniuistly detained with satisfaction also for the injury his Lo^{ps} hath sustained thereby The West India Company returnes a proud Answer sayeing they possesse the same by Generall Octeroy granted to them by the states of Holland That they were resolved by the vertue of the same Octeroy to defend their iust and Lawfull Title with such meanes as God and nature had put into their hands and other Circumstances as may appeare by the same Instrument which Copy of protest was sent to us att delaware—whereupon wee did resolve to Quit the Whorekill thinking it better to quitt that place than to run the hazard of weakening New Amstell. The English then came out of Maryland from a part now called Somersett County and drew neere the Whorekill trading with the Indians whereupon it was reported, That the said English men began to build and settle in that part of the Country The City of Amsterdam thereupon did send us expresse Orders to protest against the said English men And in case they would not remove them to Compell them by force of Armes All this while we stood upon our defence against Maryland.

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A Commander and sixteene men were sent to the Whorekill to take possession againe but another Resolution was taken a short while after to call the said soldiers back and soe the Whorekill was left againe The City of Amsterdam hereby was very much discouraged and did absolutely incline to leave and Abandon the said Colony as appeared by their writeings and scarcenesse of Goods and provisions they did send in whereupon I my selfe was deputed for Holland for a whole yeare resideing there to remonstrate the Condition of the said Colony and to Encourage the City of Amsterdam to goe on with their designe which att last they undertooke by New Resolution chargeing us strictly not to committ in makeing a division between the English Neighbours and us, To the end they might not receive any repulse from that side as may appeare by their owne letters written to the Governo^r and Councill at Delaware. To which end they ordered us to build a fort upon Ritten Island neere where they did think the Division might be yet notwithstanding that Division not to be absolutely conclusive but provisionally For wee did not intend